(b) if so, the status of the above said proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to it; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to sanction it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched the "Rajiv Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme" to provide health coverage to the families living below porverty line, on a pilot basis in Anantapur, Mahboobnagar and Srikakulam districts on 01.04.2007.

The State Government has requested for a financial assistance of Rs. 46.20 crores under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), for the pilot project.

Proposal of the State Government has been considered and an amount of Rs. 10 crores has been agreed for the year 2007-08 to the State Government for implementation of the Scheme.

Specialization Course on Neuro Surgery in Sri Ram Chandra Bhanj Medical College, Cuttack

†2055. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering the demand being raised against the discontinuation of super specialization course (M.C.H.) on neuro surgery from the Sri Ram Chandra Bhanj Medical College, the first medical college located in the famous city of Cuttack in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Government to fulfil the said demand; and

(c) whether any discussion has been held in this regard with the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) Medical Council of India conducted the inspection of S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack, Orissa in October, 2006 and did not recommend for recognition of M.Ch (Neuro surgery) qualification granted by Utkal University in view of certain deficiencies in terms of teaching faculty, OPD attendance and clinical material etc. Compliance on rectification of the above deficiencies pointed out in the inspection report was submitted by the Principal Se&retary to Government of Orissa, Health and Family Welfare Department for which the inspector has been appointed by MCI for verification of the same. Further action can be taken as per procedure stipulated in Indian Medical Council Act 1956 on receipt of MCI recommendations.

Setting up of national university

2056. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALLAND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the proposal from the Chairperson of Khadi and Village Industries Commission to set up national university as a part of modernizing training programmes in khadi and rural industries sector;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.